

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated June 6, 2006. Claims 56-89 are pending in the application. In the Office action, the Examiner (1) allowed claims 57 and 74-89, (2) rejected claims 56, 58-62, and 68-73, and (3) objected to claims 63-67. The rejections are based on 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102, and 103. Applicants traverse the rejections and objections, contending that the rejected and objected to claims are patentable and allowable as written. Nevertheless, to expedite issuance of a patent, applicants have (1) canceled the rejected and objected to claims (i.e., claims 56 and 58-73), without prejudice, and (2) retained only the allowed claims (i.e., claims 57 and 74-89). Accordingly, applicants respectfully request prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance covering claims 57 and 74-89. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact Stan Hollenberg (Reg. No. 47,658) or the undersigned attorney of record, both at 503-224-6655.

Respectfully submitted,

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